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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Examiner Kennedy:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 28, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application and setting a shortened three-month period for reply.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this document.